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Applicant: NAKATA ET AL.
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 12, 2002, please enter the following

Amendments and remarks:

In the Claims

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Please cancel claims 14-27.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of manufacturing an optical head comprising a light source, an objective lens, a reflecting mirror that reflects beams of light from the light source to allow them to enter the objective lens, and an optical bench for maintaining the light source and the reflecting mirror, the method comprising:

placing the reflecting mirror and the optical bench on an external jig provided with a mirror holding portion for maintaining the reflecting mirror,